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Mr. Rodger Jackson
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Dear Mr. Jackson:

RE: Draft Phase I, Remedial Investigation Interim Report, OU14, Site 90
Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina
(Dated July 2003)

EPA has reviewed the above cited report which describes the Phase I Remedial Investigation (RI) activities at OU14, Site 90 and the proposed sampling activities for Phase II. We agree with the recommendation to conduct a comprehensive round of groundwater sampling using the existing wells within Site 90 (approximately 57 monitoring wells) and extending down gradient along the flight line beyond building 4075. We also understand and support the decision to initiate a Phase III investigation as a result of the down gradient CVOC contamination. It is important to note that the Final RI work plan (dated August 2002, page 4-1) identified that the soil exposure pathway is eliminated since the entire OU14 area is covered with concrete, and there is no surface water features within or immediately surrounding the OU14 area. However, it is now noted that exposed ground surface and surface water is present to the northwest of the site beyond the current extent of the investigation area. Thus, appropriate risk assessments (human health and ecological) should be included in the report.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call me at (404) 562-8526 or contact me via e-mail at thornton.michelle@epa.gov

Sincerely,

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